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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

April 6, 2011

Secretary Jay Gonzales
Executive Office of Administration and Finance
State House, Room 373
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Secretary Gonzales:

I am pleased to write in support of the application by Fan Pier Development LLC for approval of a Preliminary Economic Development Proposal for the designation of the Fan Pier development as an Economic Development District under the Commonwealth's "I-Cubed" program and for investment by the Commonwealth of \$50 million through bond funding for infrastructure costs.

The renewal of Boston's waterfront, which the Fan Pier development will accomplish, has been a long term goal of the City of Boston. At full completion, the Fan Pier development will consist of more than three million square feet of office, laboratory, and residential space; retail, restaurants, and cafes; a hotel; and 107,000 square feet of civic and cultural space on nine city blocks. Today the site is largely surface parking; the Fan Pier development will transform the South Boston waterfront and spur further development.

Key to that transformation is the proposed relocation to Fan Pier of Vertex Pharmaceuticals into more than 1 million square feet of space in two new buildings to be constructed for its use. Vertex brings projected new employment to Boston and the Commonwealth and will accelerate progress in the Innovation District, which my administration has been fostering for the South Boston waterfront.

The City of Boston has been actively involved in shaping the vision for this key site through the regulatory process and through many business cycles. While a portion of the vision has been accomplished, including the Institute of Contemporary Art and One Marina Park Drive, the infrastructure assistance sought in the application will be instrumental in bringing about the Vertex buildings and, in turn, the area's full potential.

Therefore, I urge your favorable action on the application and offer any assistance I may provide.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston